

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Delete the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 21 and ending at line 29 and replace with the following:

--The power steering hose constructions usually consist of an ~~annual~~ annular laminate made up of a multiplicity of concentric tubular members, such as an innermost tube, a tubular reinforcement layer, a tubular friction layer, a second tubular reinforcement layer and a tubular outside cover layer. In some instances, the innermost tube of the hose itself is made up of two separate layers. These layers may be coextruded to provide a high temperature innermost material that would come in contact with the power steering fluid, backed up by a lower cost surrounding material to provide the necessary tube strength. See in this regard the U.S. Patent 5,316,046, issued May 31, 1994. See also U.S. Patent 4,998,565 and the prior art cited in the aforementioned '046 patent.--